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In re the application of:

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For : **PVC BASED MEDICAL GLOVES AND
FORMULATIONS THEREFOR**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

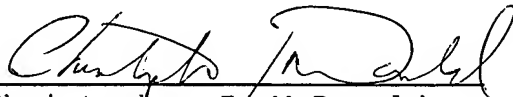
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Office Action of October 7, 2005, the Examiner relied upon U.S. Patent 4,532,307 (Tada et al.) for disclosing the specific peroxide cross-linker at column 7, line 25. However, column 7, line 19 indicates that the chemical cross-linking agent is used for foaming by incorporating the cross-linking agent in advance in the foamable polymer composition. Chemical cross-linking agents generate radicals by decomposing at a temperature lower than the decomposition temperature of the blowing agent to induce the cross-linking reaction of the polymer. Such a foaming action is undesirable, and in fact detrimental, to a composition for making gloves. In addition, the use of the peroxide cross-linkers as a foaming agent does not provide motivation to combine with the other prior art references as proposed by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the references relying upon Tada et al. is respectfully requested.

A three month extension of time accompanies this response. If any additional fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2455.

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